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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, DC 20231



Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which included information cited and discussed in the specification.

DE 198 38 799 A1 accompanied by the cover page of WO 00/13176 including an English language abstract

DE 195 04 930 accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 5,858,097

DE 197 47 068 A1 accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 6,235,368

DE 26 42 383 A1 accompanied by family member Canadian Patent No. 1,066,483

DE 30 27 012 A1 accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 4,329,241

DE 44 27 821 A1 accompanied by an English language abstract

EP 0 818 040 B1 accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 6,231,963

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EP 0 654 165 accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 5,601,647

FR 2 734 500 accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 5,704,978

U.S. Patent No. 5,458,948

U.S. Patent No. 5,792,570

U.S. Patent No. 5,705,268 and

English Language Abstract of JP 57175734.

Seiichi Hisano et al., "Research and Development of Metal Powder for Magnetic Recording", Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, Vol. 190, pp. 371-381 (1998)

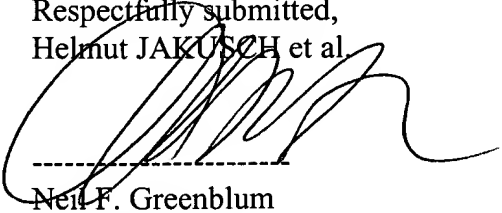
Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, no fees are required.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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